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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Baer et al.)	Title: Motor shaft assembly and method
Serial No.: 09/286,794)	Group Art Unit: 2616
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Filed: April 6, 1999)	Examiner: Steven Blount

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Palents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated September 14, 2006, which allowed claim 68 and rejected claims 58, 59, and 69. The applicants request reconsideration. Please amend the application as explained below.

Amendments to the claims are reflected on the listing of claims that begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.

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